

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SELECTMEN
and other
TOWN OFFICERS

Unity, New Hampshire
Year Ending December 31, 1948



Auditor's Special Report

TOWN OF UNITY, N. H., 1948

Your Auditor regrets to report that he CANNOT CERTIFY AS CORRECT the figures in this Town Report which pertain to the regular town business.

The following statements are made without the slightest reflection on the honesty or motives of the present incumbent of the offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

Your Auditor holds the most kindly feeling and deep appreciation of the constant effort the present incumbent makes to perform her duties, even under increasing physical difficulties.

She is deserving of much more kindly treatment than is hers now. Our Town Clerk and Treasurer for many years has (like a good family doctor) been always available—days, nights and Sundays. Her thresholds and floors have been worn thin by the scuffing feet of a generation; both voters and snoopers enter her private home with an air of possession as though it were a town hall. She has had no seclusion and no leisure. To us all she has seemed an unchanging part of our town business. Annually we nominated her and gave her our votes—but we failed to give her the right to grow old with us. But time has its way with all of us.

The voters failed to heed the emphatic suggestions of the Selectmen and other Town Officers who have seen the change coming. Even State officials from Concord have repeatedly insisted we should conduct the Town's business by methods that conform to legal requirements.

The responsibility for the trouble that has occurred, or may happen in the future is not her's, but rests squarely on the shoulder of every voter in the town.

The Selectmen if authorized by Town vote can legally appoint a Deputy Town Clerk and Treasurer to help reorganize those offices and assist the present incumbent to correctly perform the duties of the office.

The School Department report is not under your Auditor's jurisdiction. The Report of the Trustees of the Trust Fund appears to be correct, bank balances, check books, and securities. The Tax Collector's books—collections, and payments to Treasurer—check correctly. The Selectmen's books, paid out records check

correctly with Treasurer paid out records; and all vouchers and cancelled checks check correctly with both Treasurer's paid out records and Selectmen's paid out records.

But the Treasurer's Cash Book shows a shortage of \$1519.00. This shortage is roughly 4½% of the actual amount of cash received, but is not recorded in the Cash Book.

All of the Selectmen's and Treasurer's reports showing receipts, as printed in this report get their figures from the Treasurer's Cash Book, and consequently all such reports are incorrect, and I am so declaring them.

While it has indeed been a painful duty to make this report and explanation, it is very gratifying to be able to say that this entire amount of \$1519.00 was safely deposited in the Bank to the credit of the Town of Unity, and appears on the bank statement. But no record of it made in the Treasurer's books. However, the damage had been done before your Auditor found out about it.

Your Auditor suggests that a Finance Committee of three, one from each part of Town, be appointed to go over this entire matter with the Town Officers, to determine what action to take relative to correcting figures in the Town Report for next year's comparisons. Also to determine upon what basis Town Officers remuneration shall be paid; also expense allowance for transportation, etc., and to thoroughly study the present system of accounting and filing of Town documents, records, and other kindred subjects and complaints, and report recommendations for improvement.

One serious complaint made to your Auditor is that a certain black book, the property of the School Department containing the secretary's minutes of every meeting over a period of several years, 1932 to 1940 has disappeared.

This book is one of a series and the books immediately preceeding and following are on file, but this particular one which contains the minutes of the meetings in which certain school property ownership was transferred and repossessed, is now missing.

The evidence contained in this book is needed in a case now pending in the New Hampshire Superior Court, and might be the deciding factor in the case and save the Taxpayer several hundreds of dollars.

A more recent complaint is that a certified checklist in use at the election in the Fall of 1948, had recorded on it opposite the name of each voter either the letters (d) or (r) to indicate the party preference of each voter, for use at primary caucuses.

This checklist was placed in the custody of the Town Clerk's office. When called for recently for use at a party caucus it could not be found.

The disappearance coincides with the "packing" of the recent Republican Caucus by a number of voters who are seldom seen at Republican meetings, and usually found on the Democratic side. But without a checklist they could not be denied a ballot. Hence, by only one vote the present incumbent for office of Road Agent was defeated, and the name of the Democratic candidate placed on the Republican ballot.

HARRY PIERCE, Auditor.

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Town Officers

Moderator

O. L. BAILEY

Selectmen

A. W. SAWYER

W. S. DUTTON

P. A. NEWTON

Town Clerk and Treasurer

C. E. REED

Tax Collector

C. L. BAILEY

Road Agent

I. D. FELLOWS

Supervisor of Checklist

G. W. THURBER

WEIS SAWYER

M. D. SHUTE

Trustee of Trust Funds

O. L. BAILEY

BESSIE A. PIERCE

DAVID BARRETT

Library Trustee

CARRIE E. REED

G. S. CALLUM

O. L. BAILEY

Fire Wardens

G. S. CALLUM

A. W. SAWYER

REAL ROWE

Auditor

HARRY PIERCE

Town Warrant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(L.S.) To the inhabitants of the Town of Unity qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet in said Unity on Tuesday, March 8th, in the Town Hall, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
2. To hear the reports of the Selectmen and other Town Officials, and pass any votes in relation thereto.
3. To choose a member of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing 3 years.
4. To choose a member of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing 2 years.
5. To choose a Trustee of Trust Fund for the ensuing 3 years.
6. To choose a Library Trustee for the ensuing 3 years.
7. To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay Librarians and Library Tax.
9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Old Age Assistance and Town Poor charges.
10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for other Town charges.
11. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise to pay just debts of Town.
12. To see what sums the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of Highways and Bridges, including snow removal and determine the price to be paid for labor and trucks.
13. To see what the attitude of the Town is in regard to purchasing a truck and raising money for the same thereof.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$400 for white pine blister rust control.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$650.28 for Town road aid. The State will allot \$2,601.11.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise the remaining balance of \$2,608.89 on State Aid construction account, \$1,108.89 of the amount to be raised by taxation in 1949 and the balance to borrowed by the issuance of three notes of \$500 each, to mature in 1950, 1951, 1952, respectively.

17. To see what the attitude of the Town is in regard to raising the sum of \$2,000 to make up the overdraft of the Road Agent's accounts of 1947 and 1948. The same to be applied to the State Aid Construction account.

18. To vote by ballot to see if Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's Deeds.

19. To see if the Town will vote a discount on taxes payed on or before June 1 and September 1. The amount being 3 per cent and 2 per cent, respectively.

20. To see if the Town will vote to have the Selectmen hire money in anticipation of taxes.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of 1/100 of 1% of assessed valuation of Town for the purpose of promoting the Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Regional Association.

22. To see what the attitude of the Town is in regard to having a Town History made up, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

23. To see what the attitude of the Town is in regard to creating a Memorial for those men and women of Unity who served their country in all wars. And raise and appropriate money thereto.

24. To see what the attitude of the Town is in regard to closing some roads subject to gates and bar, others being layed out, as recommended by Highway Road Committee.

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 19th day of February, 1949.

P. A. NEWTON,
WALTER S. DUTTON,

Selectmen of Unity.

A true copy attest:

P. A. NEWTON,
WALTER S. DUTTON,
Selectmen of Unity.

Town Budget

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949 Compared with Estimated
and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the
Previous Year January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1948	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1948	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1949
From State:			
Interest and Dividends			
Tax	\$300.00	\$457.43	\$457.43
Reimbursement a/c Old			
Age Assistance	200.00	108.52	
For Class V and Highway			
Maintenance	1,814.50	1,814.50	1,814.50
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Rent of Town Hall and			
Other Buildings		6.00	
Dog Licenses		96.60	96.60
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	400.00	381.87	400.00
Sale of Town Property		5.00	
Refunds		15.60	
From Local Taxes Other Than			
Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—			
Regular @ \$2	438.00	462.00	460.00
Total Revenues	\$3,152.50	\$3,347.52	\$3,227.93

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1948	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1948	Estimated Expenditures Ending Year 1949
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Charges	\$2,000.00	\$1,085.88	\$1,300.00
Town Officers' Expenses		449.98	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses		241.52	100.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	400.00	286.96	100.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Fire Department	500.00	1,005.62	500.00
Health:			
Health Department, including Hospitals		10.00	
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance:			
Summer	3,000.00	2,522.10	3,000.00
Winter	3,000.00	3,577.73	3,000.00
Town Road Aid	635.88	635.88	650.28
Libraries	55.80	51.60	55.80
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor		78.15	200.00
Old Age Assistance	900.00	966.45	800.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations		4.50	
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries		73.45	75.00
Unclassified:			
Advertising and Regional Associations		42.77	50.00
Interest:	500.00		500.00
On Temporary Loans		56.25	
On Bonded Debt.		137.50	
On Long Term Notes		245.00	
On Principal of Trust Funds Used by Town		42.00	

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1948	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1948	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1949
Outlay for New Construction and Perm. Improv.			
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction—Bridges	1,200.00	1,271.30	600.00
State Aid Construction—			
Town's Share	1,000.00		1,108.89
Payment on Principal of Debt:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	2,968.30	2,968.30	3,000.00
School Taxes	9,717.00	9,300.00	9,800.00
 Total Expenditures	 \$42,176.98	 \$26,010.94	 \$26,339.97

INVENTORY—1948

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION OF THE TOWN
OF UNITY, IN SULLIVAN COUNTY,
FOR THE TAX YEAR 1948.

Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$376,621.00
Growing Wood and Timber	41,846.00
Electric Plants	11,342.00
Horses—64	6,375.00
Oxen—6	700.00
Cows—249	37,430.00
Other Neat Stock—50	4,610.00
Sheep and Goats—30	445.00
Hogs—50	2,500.00
Fowls—1,350	1,612.00
Vehicles—4	2,000.00
Portable Mills—6	6,700.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	20,625.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	405.00
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Total Valuation	\$513,211.00
Total Valuation (Exclusive of soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind)	\$483,091.00
Poll Taxes—231 at \$2.00	\$ 462.00
Total Amount of Taxes to be Committed to Collector including Town and Precinct Taxes, Poll Taxes and National Bank Stock Taxes	26,162.44
Average rate of taxation per one hundred dollars valuation for all purposes	5.32
Amount of property valuation exempted to soldiers	30,120.00
Number of inventories sent out—200.	
Number of inventories returned—150.	

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Appropriations:

Town Officers Salaries and other Town charges	\$ 2,000.00
Town Hall and Buildings	400.00
Fire Department	500.00
State Aid Construction	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	635.88
Town Maintenance	6,000.00
Bridges	1,200.00
Libraries	55.80
Old Age Assistance—Town Poor	900.00
Interest	500.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,000.00
County Tax	2,968.38
School Tax	9,717.00

Total Town and School Appropriations	\$26,877.06
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Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$392.55
Savings Bank Tax	50.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	400.00

Total Revenues and Credits	842.55
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	\$26,034.51
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Plus Overlay	127.93
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$26,162.44
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Less: Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$462.00
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	462.00
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Amount to raised by property taxes on
which tax rate is to be figured

	\$25,700.44
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Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Tax Rate \$5.32.

Property Taxes	\$25,700.44
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	462.00

Total Taxes to be Committed	\$26,162.44
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Title of Appropriation:

	Appro.	Receipts and Reimbursements	Unexpended Expend. Bal.	Overdrafts
Town				
Charges	\$2,400.00		\$2,925.59	\$525.59
Due from State				
on Forest Fires		165.81		
Bounties		80.20		
Class V (Dun-				
can road aid)		1,814.50	2,830.18	1,015.68
Snow Re-				
moval	3,000.00		3,577.73	577.73
Town Maint.	3,000.00		2,522.10	477.90
Town Poor	900.00		1,082.75	182.75
Town				
Libraries	55.80		51.60	4.20
T. R. A.	635.88		635.88	
Interest	500.00		480.75	19.25
Bridges (new				
construction	1,200.00		1,271.30	71.30
Payments on				
long term				
notes	1,000.00		1,000.00	
County tax	2,968.38		2,968.38	
School tax	9,717.00		5,709.20	4,007.80
State Aid				
Construction	1,000.00			1,000.00
Totals	\$26,377.06	\$2,060.51	\$25,064.91	\$5,509.15
Net overdraft of appropriations less balance of				
School Tax				\$871.70

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1948

ASSETS

Cash		\$1,592.22
Accounts due to the Town—Bounties		80.50
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1948	\$914.48	
(b) Levy of 1947	89.10	
(c) Levy of 1946	81.04	
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1948	3,818.21	
(b) Levy of 1947	127.13	
(c) Levy of 1946	83.75	
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Total Assets		\$ 6,786.43
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)		7,821.47
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Grand Total		\$14,607.80
Net Debt—Surplus, December 31, 1947	\$7,627.68	
Net Debt—Surplus, December 31, 1948	7,821.47	
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Increase	\$ 183.79	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Due to School Districts:		
(a) Dog licenses		\$ 115.80
(b) Balance of Appropriation		3,892.00
State and Town Joint Highway Construction Accounts:		2,000.00
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Louie T. Lufkin		2,000.00
Carrol Abbott		1,500.00
Annie Harten		2,000.00
Bonds Outstanding:		
Citizen National Bank		2,500.00
Trust Funds, Amount of Principal Used by Town:		600.00
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Total Liabilities		\$14,607.80
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Grand Total		\$14,607.80

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1st, 1948	\$ 437.37
Received from Charles L. Bailey, Collector	31,420.71
Received from State of N. H., Duncan Aid	1,814.50
Received from State of N. H., Interest,	
Dividend and Saving Bank Tax	457.43
Reimbursement, Old Age	108.52
Rent of Town Hall	6.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles	381.87
Dog Licenses	96.60
Refunds	15.60
Sale of Old Snow Plow	5.00
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Total	\$34,743.60
Selectmen's Orders	33,151.38
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Balance	\$1,592.22

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. REED, Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Dog Licenses:	
43 Males	\$ 86.00
4 Females	20.00
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Total	\$ 106.00
Retaining Fee	9.40
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Total	\$ 96.60

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. REED, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1948.

1948 LEVY

Dr.

Total Warrant	\$26,189.62
Added Tax	136.27
Interest Collected	.03

Total Debits	\$26,325.92
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Cr.

Total remittance to Treasurer	\$22,505.41
Due Treasurer	.30
Abatements	2.00
Total uncollected December 31, 1948	3,818.21

Total Credits	\$26,325.92
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1947 LEVY

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1947	\$ 7,708.01
Added Tax	89.31
Interest and costs collected	292.48

Total Debits	\$ 8,089.80
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Cr.

Total remittance to Treasurer	\$ 7,916.47
Abatements allowed	46.20
Uncollected December 31, 1948	127.13

Total Credits	\$ 8,089.80
Total remittance to Treasurer on other warrants	\$ 105.18
Uncollected on other warrants	83.75
Total uncollected December 31, 1948	4,029.09
Total remittance to Treasurer on warrants	30,527.06

1947 TAX SALE

Dr.

Total Sale	\$ 1,495.03
Over payment to Treasurer	.01

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Interest Collected	10.82
Total Debits	\$ 1,505.86
Cr.	
Total remittance to Treasurer	591.38
Unredeemed December 31, 1948	914.43
Total Credits	\$ 1,505.86

1946 TAX SALE

Dr.	
Unredeemed December 31, 1947	\$ 175.54
Interest collected	6.00
Total Debits	\$ 181.54
Cr.	
Total remittance to Treasurer	\$ 92.44
Unredeemed December 31, 1948	89.10
Totals Credits	\$ 181.54

1945 TAX SALE

Dr.	
Unredeemed December 31, 1947	\$ 169.16
Interest collected	16.15
Total Debits	\$ 185.31
Cr.	
Total remittance to Treasurer	\$ 104.27
Total unredeemed December 31, 1948	81.04
Total Credits	\$ 185.31

1944 TAX SALE

Dr.	
Total unredeemed December 31, 1947	\$ 72.74
Interest collected	22.83
Overpayment to Treasurer	99.99
Total Debits	\$ 105.56
Cr.	
Total remittance to Treasurer	\$ 105.56
Total remittance to Treasurer on Tax Redemptions	\$ 893.65
Total unredeemed December 31, 1948	\$ 1,084.62

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. BAILEY, Tax Collector.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Total Current Year's taxes collected and remitted	\$22,505.41
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Property taxes—Previous Years	8,021.65
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Tax sales redeemed	893.65
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From State:

(b) For Class V Highway maintenance	1,814.50
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Interest and dividend tax	457.43
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Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	108.52
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From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	96.60
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Rent of town property	6.00
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Registration of motor vehicles, 1948 Permits	381.87
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Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$34,285.63
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Refunds	15.60
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Sale of town property—Snow Plow	5.00
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	20.60
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$34,306.23
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Cash on hand January 1, 1948	437.37
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Grand Total	\$34,743.60
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SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officer's salaries	1,215.88
Town officer's expenses	452.79
Election and registration expenses	241.52
Expenses Town Hall and other Bldgs.	286.96

Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire department, including forest fires	1,005.62
Bounties	80.20

Health:

Health department, including hospitals	10.00
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Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	635.88
Town Maintenance (Summer— \$2,522.10) (Winter—\$3,577.73)	6,099.83
Street lighting and sprinkling—Class V	2,830.18

Libraries:

Libraries	51.60
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	966.45
Town poor	116.30

Patriotic Purposes:

4.50

Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	42.77
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, including hearse hire	73.45
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Unclassified :

Damages and legal expenses	22.00
Taxes bought by town	1,495.02

Total Current Maintenance Expenses

\$15,630.95

Interest:

Paid on long term notes	480.75
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Total Interest Payments

\$ 480.75

Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:

New equipment—(Highway)	1,271.30
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Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	2,500.00
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Payments on long term notes	500.00	
Payments on bonded debt	500.00	
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Total Indebtedness Payments		\$ 3,500.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to County	\$2,968.38	
Payments to School Districts	9,300.00	
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Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		\$12,268.38
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Total Payments for all Purposes		\$33,151.38
Cash on hand December 31, 1948		1,592.22
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Grand Total		\$34,743.60

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses	
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 1,215.88
Town Officers Expenses	452.79
Election and Registration	241.52
Town Hall Expenses	286.96
Protection of Persons and Property	
Fire Department	1,005.62
Bounties	80.20
Health Department	10.00
Highways and Bridges	
Class V	2,830.18
Snow Removal	3,577.73
Town Maintenance	2,522.10
Education	
Libraries	51.60
Charities	
Town Poor	116.30
Old Age Assistance	966.45
Cemeteries	73.45
T. R. A.	635.88
Patriotic Purposes	4.50
Recreation	42.77
Unclassified	
Taxes Bought by Town	1,495.02
Legal	22.00
Bridges	
New Construction	1,271.30
Indebtedness	
Interest	480.75
Notes and Bonds and Temporary Loans	3,500.00
Payment of Other Governmental Divisions	
School Tax	9,300.00
County Tax	2,968.38
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Total	\$ 33,151.38

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES**

Walter S. Dutton (1947)	\$ 95.00
L. F. Lufkin	5.00
Abbie Reed	20.00
C. E. Reed	494.50
Walter S. Dutton	167.90
C. L. Bailey	435.48
Total	\$ 1,215.88

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES

Barnes, Roullard & McPherson	\$ 20.00
E. C. Eastman	41.42
W. S. Dutton (1947)	2.81
Claremont Eagle	157.60
Auto and Truck Guide	11.00
N. H. Assessors	4.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	20.19
W. S. Dutton	23.46
C. E. Reed	62.25
C. L. Bailey	110.06
Total	\$ 452.79

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

P. Simineau	\$ 23.80
George Whitney	23.80
Claremont Eagle	9.32
Pauline Vaughn	23.80
Gladys Britton	23.80
Merle Shute	48.50
George Thurber	48.50
O. L. Bailey	40.00
Total	\$ 241.52

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Roy Nelson	\$ 20.00
Montgomery Ward	143.20

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R. Jarvis	3.75
Rand, Ball & King	8.25
N . H. Electric Coop.	18.00
M. A. Fletcher	5.00
Walter S. Dutton	23.76
George Callum	25.00
George Whitney	40.00

Total	\$ 286.96
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

George Callum	\$ 365.62
Town of Newport	114.00
City of Claremont	26.00
Unity Fire Department	500.00

Total	\$ 1,005.62
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BOUNTIES

Walter S. Dutton (1947)	\$ 9.50
Walter S. Dutton	25.50
P. A. Newton	45.20

Total	\$ 80.02
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T. R. A.

State of New Hampshire	\$ 635.88
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SNOW REMOVAL

I. D. Fellows	\$ 3,346.22
International Salt Company	118.91
Elvin Gibson	60.00
Perley Strout	52.60

Total	\$ 3,577.73
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TOWN MAINTENANCE

I. D. Fellows	\$ 1,721.44
Vermont Concrete Pipe Company	59.40
R. C. Hazelton	160.96
W. S. Dutton	20.90
Collector of Internal Revenue	60.60

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Davis & Simonds	473.30
New Hampshire Explosives	25.50
Total	<hr/> \$ 2,522.10

CLASS V ROADS

Duncan Road Aid

I. D. Fellows	\$ 2,830.18
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BRIDGES

New Construction

I. D. Fellows	\$ 476.40
Isaac Bass	682.40
Newport Welding Company	112.50
Total	<hr/> \$ 1,271.30

LIBRARIES

O. L. Bailey	\$ 51.60
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TOWN POOR

Roy Nelson	\$ 20.00
Guy Headle	15.00
Joe Mozewsko (1947)	38.15
Brentwood Shoe Store	14.15
Dr. B. R. Lewin	9.00
A. Dion	20.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 116.30

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of New Hampshire	\$ 966.45
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CEMETERIES

Edmond Johnson	\$ 53.45
George Whitney	20.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 73.45

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

J. W. Johnson	\$	4.50
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RECREATION

Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Region	\$	42.77
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INTEREST

Peoples National Bank	\$	56.25
Louie Lufkin		80.00
Carrol P. Abbott		52.50
State of New Hampshire		12.50
Annie Harten		100.00
Citizen's National Bank		137.50
O. L. Bailey		42.00

Total	\$	480.75
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UNCLASSIFIED

Taxes Bought by Town	\$	1,495.02
Kenneth Andler		22.00

Total	\$	1,517.02
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIV.

L. T. Lufkin, (School Treas.) (1947)	\$	3,590.80
L. T. Lufkin, (School Treas.) (1948)		5,709.20
Merton Sargent (County Treas.)		2,968.38

Total	\$	12,268.38
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INDEBTEDNESS

Payments on Temporary Loans		
Peoples National Bank	\$	2,500.00
Payments on Notes and Bonds		
Citizen's National Bank		500.00
State of New Hampshire		500.00

Total	\$	3,500.00
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

C. L. Bailey	\$	10.00
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CLASS V AND TOWN MAINTENANCE

I. D. Fellows, Road Agent

I. D. Fellows	\$ 2,191.15
K. Weed	115.00
H. Gagne	16.80
R. R. Express	2.10
E. Cloutier	2.10
G. Thurber	504.00
L. Walker	5.60
R. Slack	37.10
F. Langlitz	252.00
Geoffrion Garage	8.00
L. LeMere	251.10
A. Miller	9.10
R. Hamel	30.80
M. Booth	32.20
Newport Welding Company	18.50
Gas for Grader	131.00
E. Gibson	4.80
Z. Ross	16.60
M. E. Fellows	9.30
A. LeMere	175.00
A. Louden	99.20
I. Simineau	64.75
E. Blanchard	22.40
Silsby & Johnson	4.60
E. Chatrand	18.00
F. Newcomb	1.52
E. Perkins	362.15
C. Currier	4.90
W. Gilman	160.85
Vermont Concrete Company	59.40
R. C. Hazelton	160.96
W. Dutton	20.90
Collector of Internal Revenue	60.60
Davis & Symonds	473.30
New Hampshire Explosives	25.20
Total	<hr/> \$ 5,352.28

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

I. D. Fellows

I. D. Fellows	\$ 277.50
K. Weed	25.70

L. LeMere	29.70
Gas for Grader	16.25
E. Gibson	1.20
R. Hamel	62.30
F. Langlitz	23.10
Checkerboard Feed	24.40
Rand, Ball & King	5.30
Silsby & Johnson	10.95
I. Bass	682.40
Newport Welding	112.50
Total	<hr/> \$ 1,271.30

SNOW REMOVAL

I. D. Fellows

I. D. Fellows	\$ 3,058.00
R. Slack	13.30
B. Booth	7.00
H. Slack	2.10
I. Bass	55.00
H. Young	10.50
International Salt	118.91
C. Maxham	6.00
Geoffrion's Garage	29.00
C. Currier	18.90
R. Hamel	18.20
A. Miller	49.50
E. Gibson	60.00
T. Kanto	13.70
E. Kanto	42.20
S. Kanto	10.50
P. Strout	52.60
F. Newcomb	12.32
Total	<hr/> \$ 3,577.73

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

In submitting my report for 1948, I wish to thank all who so willingly assisted in preventing and controlling forest fires.

We were so unfortunate as to have two fires during the 1948 dry period and the fact that these fires were confined to a very limited area is a tribute to the people who gave so much valuable assistance. I submit the following facts:

Fires Reported	2
Permits Issued	67
Mills Operated Under State Permit	6
Mill Incinerators	3

RECEIVED FROM

Town Orders	\$ 365.62
Refund	13.60
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Total Received	\$ 379.22

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for Labor and Other Services	\$ 331.62
Paid City of Claremont	34.00
Paid Town Treasurer	13.60
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Total Paid	\$ 379.22

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. CALLUM, Warden

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

December 31, 1948

Number of Books in Library—December 31, 1947	2811
Number of Books in Library December 31, 1948	2834
Number of Books Loaned—1948	*1063
Money Available December 31, 1947	\$ 34.83
Paid Clarkson Publishing Co.	\$ 35.29
Paid Childs' Training Association	3.00
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	\$ 38.29
Ovedraft of	3.46
Received of Town Treasurer, Library Tax	\$ 25.80
Due from Trust Funds, Interest	2.01
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	\$ 27.81
Minus Overdraft of	3.46
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Money Available December 31, 1948	\$ 24.35

* Approximate.

C. E. REED,
 ORRIN L. BAILEY,
 Trustees.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Unity, N. H., on December 31, 1948

Date of Creation	Trust Funds— Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate Interest	Balance Income	Yearly Income	Expended	Balance on hand
1883	Edward Keyes, School Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	\$2,189.46			\$ 44.00		
	Edward Keyes, School Fund	Walpole Savings Bank	1,942.30			43.93		
	Edward Keyes, School Fund	Newport Savings Bank	560.00			11.25		
	Edward Keyes, School Fund	Conn. River Savings Bank	130.50			1.14	\$100.32	
1921	Lewis J. Bartlett, School Fund	Newport Savings Bank	1,000.00			20.10		
	Lewis J. Bartlett, School Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	1,023.85			20.69	40.79	* \$141.11
1909	Roosevelt Cemetery Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00		\$ 6.61	2.01	3.70	\$ 4.92
1907	Clark Cemetery Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	500.00			10.05	10.05	
1918	Towne Cemetery Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00		16.25	2.01	16.25	2.01
1918	Hobart Cemetery Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	200.00			4.02	4.02	
1919	Neal Cemetery Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00			2.01	2.01	
1920	Johnson Library Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00		2.01	2.01		4.02
1900	Johnson Cemetery Fund	Town Note	200.00		10.15	7.00	15.00	2.15
1913	Quimby Cemetery Fund	Town Note	200.00			7.00	7.00	
1915	Bartlett Cemetery Fund	Town Note	100.00		30.40	3.50	29.73	4.17
1915	Kidder Cemetery Fund	Town Note	100.00			2.01	2.01	
1920	Glidden Cemetery Fund	Newport Savings Bank	100.00			2.01	2.01	
1920	Huntton & Hobart Cemetery Fund	Newport Savings Bank	100.00			2.01	2.01	
1926	Huntton Cemetery Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00		25.22	2.01	25.22	2.01
1928	F. B. Stowell Cemetery Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	50.00		7.36	1.00		8.36
1929	R. E. Lufkin Cemetery Fund	Claremont Savings Bank	100.00		9.04	2.01		11.05
1938	S. M. Straw Cemetery Fund	Claremont Savings Bank	100.00		6.30	2.01		8.91
1942	Ella E. Breed Cemetery Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00		10.26	2.01		12.27
1942	Flor. L. Nichols, Cemetery Fund	Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00		7.31	2.01		9.32
1947	G. B. & Gracia Cram Cem. Fund	Claremont Savings Bank	200.00			4.02	4.02	
			\$9,502.11		\$121.51	\$62.20	\$124.52	\$69.19

Aver. Interest Rate .0202 Plus

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

*Paid School Treasurer \$141.11

December 31, 1948.

DAVID BARRETT,
BESSIE A. PIERCE,
ORRIN L. BAILEY,
Trustees.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Unity qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fifteenth day of March, 1949, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Unity this sixteenth day of February, 1949.

LEVI A. LeMERE,
ESTHER E. ROWE,
MARIEA J. SMITH,

School Board of Unity, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LEVI A. LeMERE,
ESTHER E. ROWE,
MARIEA J. SMITH

School Board of Unity, N. H.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Unity School Board:

I herewith submit my third annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Barrett returned again this year and Mrs. Miller was obtained to replace Mrs. Reney in the elementary grades. Mrs. Frost is to be commended for her interest in professional improvement. Once again she used a large part of her summer vacation in attending school at the Teachers' College. That these courses have proved beneficial to her, there can be no doubt as the East School is one of the finest examples of good one-room rural school teaching in the state.

The pupils in the seventh and eighth grades are continuing to make satisfactory progress at the Stevens Junior High School. Several are consistently on the honor roll and the majority are earning better than average grades, showing the effects of the fine background received at the Center School.

We continued the practice of providing in-service training to the teachers by having another workshop this year. I am sure that all teachers able to attend received a great deal from it. Next year we could profitably spend some time together on problems found in teaching Reading, Arithmetic or English. The many fine examples of teaching History and Geography now found throughout the Union, including the Unity schools, proves the value of this sort of in-service training.

The hot lunches have been very successful again this year. As we progress with the program and as state forms, etc., change, there are certain problems that arise. Through cooperation of all involved, these problems can be quickly and quietly ironed out.

I feel that I should warn the school board that the credit rating of the district will suffer materially if some solution to the problem of obtaining money from the town when it is due and needed is not worked out soon. Book companies and supply houses ordinarily do business on a thirty day credit basis and, if they have to wait for a longer period year in and year out, they are going to hold shipment on needed orders until

payments on back orders are made. It would seem that something could be done to help this situation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school board, teachers and parents for the fine cooperation shown this past year. Through continued support and cooperation, we may all look forward to the continued strengthening of the Unity school system.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. Hastings

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE**DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 125.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	315.00
Tax for State-Wide Supervision	348.00
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	145.00
Supplies and Expenses	90.00
Elementary Tuition	2,460.00
High School Tuition	2,610.00
Teachers' Salaries	5,800.00
Books and Other Instructional Aids	150.00
Scholars' Supplies	250.00
Other Expenses	50.00
Janitors' Salaries	380.00
Fuel or Heat	350.00
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	200.00
Repairs and Replacements	150.00
Health Supervision	260.00
Transportation	4,840.00
Special Activities and Special Funds	25.00
Retirement	125.00
Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Expenses	45.00
Additions and Improvements to Buildings	
New Equipment	
Payments into Capital Reserve Fund	
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Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget	\$18,718.00

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

On hand, June 30, 1949	\$ 500.00
State Aid	7,000.00
Dog Tax	75.00
Income from Trust Funds	150.00
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	\$7,725.00
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Assessment required to balance School Board's Budget	\$10,993.00

REPORT OF UNITY SCHOOL BOARD

July 1, 1947 — June 30, 1948

Cash on hand, July 1, 1947	\$ 2,791.05
Received from Town	7,300.00
Received from State Treasurer	7,262.11
Received from State Treasurer, Hot Lunch	625.95
Income from Trust Fund	136.21
Refund from School Insurance	6.80
Returned Checks	5.60
Refund from Mrs. Hasham	9.68
State Emergency Aid	1,500.00
Refund on Hot Lunches from D. LeMere	50.00
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Grand Total Receipts	\$ 19,687.40

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 125.00
Superintendent's Salary	224.00
Truant Officer and Census	6.00
Expense of Administration	176.30
Principal's and Teachers' Salaries	5,638.40
Text Books	140.51
Scholars' Supplies	106.36
Flags and Appurtenances	20.74
Other Expenses of Instruction	19.09
Janitor Service	183.00
Fuel	225.33
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	201.01
Minor Repairs and Expenses	301.49
Medical Inspection and Health Supervision	250.82
Transportation of Pupils	5,659.91
High School and Academy Tuition	3,088.20
Elementary School Tuition	1,389.52
Other Special Activities	63.59
Tax for State Wide Supervision	276.00
Insurance and Other Fixed Charges	181.10
New Equipment	25.74
Hot Lunches (U. S. D. A.)	812.37
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Grand Total Payments	\$ 19,114.48

SALARIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

Levi LeMere	\$ 42.00
Esther Rowe	30.00
Mariea Smith	30.00
L. T. Lufkin	15.00
Carrie E. Reed	3.00
Charles L. Bailey	3.00
Perley A. Newton	2.00
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	\$ 125.00

EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 224.00
Census	6.00
Administration	176.30
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	\$ 406.30

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Rosina Barrett	\$ 1,632.70
Elfreda Frost	1,378.60
Aileen F. Reney	1,701.10
M. Elizabeth Hoyt	230.00
Teachers' Retirement Board	73.50
Collector of Internal Revenue	637.70
Esther Rowe	21.00
N. H. Vt. Hospitalization Service	9.80
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	\$ 5,638.40

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Text Books	\$ 140.51
Scholars' Supplies	106.36
Flags and Appurtenances	20.74
Other Expenses of Instruction	19.09
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	\$ 286.70

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Mrs. Elmer Jones	\$ 10.00
Esther Rowe	65.00

Dorothy LeMere	108.00
Fuel	225.33
Water, Light and Janitor's Supplies	201.01
Minor Repairs and Expenses	301.49
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	\$ 910.83

AUXILIARY AGENCIES AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Zephyrine L. Hasham, Medical Inspection	\$ 235.25
Teachers' Retirement	9.50
Medical Supplies	6.07
Transportation of Pupils	5,659.91
High School Tuition	3,088.20
Elementary School Tuition	1,389.52
Other Special Activities	63.59
New Equipment	25.74
Hot Lunches (U. S. D. A.)	812.37
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	\$ 11,290.15

FIXED CHARGES

Per Capita Tax	\$ 276.00
Insurance	62.00
Superintendent's Retirement	14.34
Teachers' Retirement Board	104.76
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	\$ 457.10

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1948

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1947	
(Treasurer's bank balance)	\$ 2,791.05
Received from Selectmen, Appropriations for Current Year	7,100.00
Balance of Previous Appropriations	200.00
Income from Trust Funds	136.21
Received from State Treasurer	9,388.06
Received from all other sources	72.08
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$ 19,687.40
Less School Board Orders Paid	19,114.48
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1948	\$ 572.92

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. LUFKIN, School Treasurer

NURSES' REPORT—UNITY, 1948

Routine inspection at the time of weighing and measuring was finished early in the fall. In addition we have examined the hearing of all pupils above the second grade with the group Western Electric Audiometer. There were no cases of reportable hearing loss. A few cases of chicken pox were reported in January.

Please keep sick children home from school. Fever and upset stomach, colds, diarrhea, accidents and communicable diseases are good reasons for staying home. By keeping children at home you may be a contributing cause to disease prevention. The child should be kept in bed and allowed a limited number of play privileges and no playmates from school.

ZEPHYRINE L. HASHAM, R. N.,

School Nurse

REPORT OF SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The committee appointed by the School District for the purpose of studying our present school system, with a view to future improvement, met three times. Mr. Hastings was present at all meetings and, at a meeting of this committee with School Board Members from Lempster and Goshen, Mr. Paul Farnum of the State Office of Education was in attendance.

No report on future improvement would be complete without a comment on the present condition of the school system. Both school houses were constructed many years ago and adequate modern educational needs can be but partially met as long as they are used. Modernization of these buildings by addition to or enlargement of the school houses would be a costly and very unsatisfactory solution.

The arrangements made with Newport and Claremont to accept seventh and eighth grade pupils have proved to be very satisfactory. These youngsters are getting a type of education we could not hope to duplicate and at a cost below what we would have to pay if they remained in Unity.

The committee has looked into the possibility of forming a co-operative school district, combining several nearby towns into a single district, broadening the tax base and making it possible for each town to share in erecting and maintaining an adequate, modern school plant. The towns of Unity, Goshen and Lempster geographically are in a very good position for such an undertaking, but there does not appear to be enough taxable property in the three towns to swing such a project. Building costs are so excessive that only the wealthier districts can afford to construct new buildings.

A schoolhouse built to accommodate the pupils of Lempster, Goshen and Unity would cost at least \$125,000. No district can borrow more than 8% of its assessed valuation. The borrowing capacity of these three districts combined would be but \$82,000.

To build a schoolhouse to provide adequate facilities for the children of Unity would cost about \$50,000. Unity could borrow up to \$34,000. This would be considerably less than would be needed.

The possibility of handling a building program alone seems rather discouraging at the present time. It is hoped that the co-

operative school movement will gain headway in the state and that Unity will be able to find an advantageous solution of its problems through this movement.

In studying the financial status of the school district, we found that the school district has had to wait long periods of time before receiving moneys to carry on their program. As a result, book companies, supply houses and even the people on the school district payroll have not received their money until some time after the date it was due.

As a result of their study, the committee would like to recommend the following:

1) The practice of sending the seventh and eighth graders to Newport and Claremont be continued.

2) When the Unity Schools become more crowded, as census figures show they will, arrangements be made with Newport and Claremont to accept another grade or two.

3) The possibility of becoming a part of a cooperative school district be investigated further. This might fall in one of two plans.

(a)—Unite with Claremont and send all pupils of all sections of the town to Claremont.

(b)—Unite the West and Center with Claremont, sending pupils from these sections to Claremont; and East Unity with Newport, sending these pupils to Newport. We favor the first plan.

4) A more business-like arrangement should be worked out with the Selectmen to assure the Treasurers having sufficient funds to pay all current bills.

Special School Committee,

Helen Bailey,
Pauline Vaughn,
John Hanson.

